

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Responsive to the Election of Species Requirement in the Office Action mailed March 15, 2006, applicant hereby elects the species of Figs. 2 and 3 covered by claims 1-9, 12-17, 20-29, 32-37, 40-43, 45-50, and 52-72, of which claims 1-9, 12-15, 20-29, 32-36, 40-43, 45-50, 52-55, 58, 59, and 64-71 are deemed to be generic.

The foregoing election is made *without* traverse.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENT****Regarding the Requirement for Election of Species:**

Species I has been elected without traverse.

**Regarding the Claims in General:**

Claims 1-72 are now pending. Claims 1-4, 8, 11, 15, 16, 21-24, 27, 30, 35-38, and 40 have been amended to correct editing and other minor errors noted subsequent to filing of the application.

Claims 56-72 have been added to provide applicant with additional protection to which he appears to be entitled in light of the known prior art.

No new matter has been introduced by any of the amendments.

Claims 10, 11, 18, 19, 30, 31, 38, 39, 44, and 52 stand withdrawn from consideration at this time as being directed to the non-elected species.

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Respectfully submitted,

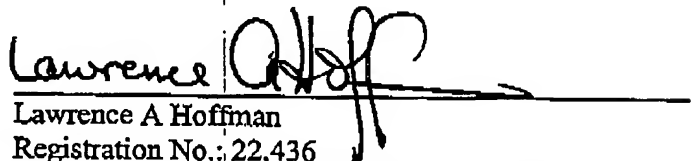
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